

REMARKS

Upon entry of the instant amendment, claims 1-7, 10-14 and 16-29 will remain pending in the present application.

Further to an amendment filed on February 11, 2008, in the instant amendment, claims 1 and 12 have been amended to further clarify the present invention. The instant amendment made herein to the claims does not incorporate new matter into the application as originally filed.

Accordingly, proper consideration of each of the pending claims is respectfully requested at present, as is entry of the present amendment.

Incorporation of Earlier Remarks

On February 11, 2008, Applicants filed a response to the Office Action of October 12, 2007. The remarks set forth in the prior response thereof are incorporated herein by reference. The Examiner is respectfully requested to reconsider the response of February 11, 2008, at present as they are believed to remain pertinent to the outstanding rejections, *vis-à-vis*, the pending claims. Based on the amendment, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner withdraw each of the rejections and the objection.

CONCLUSION

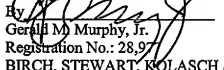
Based upon the amendments and remarks presented herein, the Examiner is respectfully requested to issue a Notice of Allowance clearly indicating that each of the pending claims are allowed.

Should there be any outstanding matters that need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact Gerald M. Murphy, Jr. (Reg. No. 28,977) at the telephone number below, to conduct an interview in an effort to expedite prosecution in connection with the present application.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 or 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

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